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**Colour Coding of Electrical Mimic  
Diagrams — Guide**  
( *First Revision* )

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## FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (First Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Basic Electrotechnical Standards and Power Quality Sectional Committee had been approved by the Electrotechnical Division Council.

This standard was originally published in 1987. This revision has been brought out to bring the standard in the latest style and format of the Indian Standards.

It is a recognized practice the world over to indicate on the control panels by means of single-line diagram, the disposition of the various electrical circuits that is involved. A single control panel is required to accommodate more than one voltage level and may, at many times, accommodate more than three voltage levels depending upon the control station layout.

The single-line diagram also known as ‘mimic diagram’ on the panel, employs use of different colours to denote the different voltage levels. Together with other circuit symbols as may be necessary, the mimic diagram denotes the mode of interconnections of the various components of the panel and the services they control.

This standard is primarily being brought out to cover standard colour coding practices for mimic diagram purposes so that it would form a common basis in trade, and restrict the variety of contrasting colours being employed. The purpose of this exercise is primarily to specify colours for codifying voltages that are standard and are required to be represented on the same diagram rather than cover the entire gamut of voltages likely to appear.

In preparing this standard, a comprehensive study of existing practice and colour shades used in mimic diagrams were made. Even though the shades given in this standard signify a major departure from existing practice, it is highly recommended in the interest of standardization. It is envisaged that in due course, all involved would be familiar with the specified shades and their meaning in respect of the voltage levels they represent.

The voltage levels covered by this standard are those considered as standard in IS 12360 : 1988 ‘Voltage bands for electrical installations including preferred voltages and frequency’. Colours recommended for codification of voltages are standard shades recognized and designated according to IS 5 : 2007 ‘Colours for ready mixed paints and enamels (*sixth revision*)’ in choosing the shades *vis-a-vis* the voltage level, it had been found appropriate to choose colours closer to ‘red’ for higher voltages and those closer to ‘violet’ for lower voltages.

The composition of the Committee responsible for the formulation of the standard is given in Annex A.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 2022 ‘Rules for rounding off numerical values (*second revision*)’. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value shall be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

*Indian Standard***COLOUR CODING OF ELECTRICAL MIMIC DIAGRAMS —  
GUIDE***( First Revision )***1 SCOPE**

This standard covers the colour scheme for codification of voltages in mimic diagrams for power systems.

**2 METHOD OF COLOURING**

The mimic diagrams may be of directly painted type or strip mimic type, in the latter case the strips are coloured to indicate voltages.

**3 IDENTIFICATION OF COLOURS**

For identifying the colours corresponding to the shade numbers given in Table 1, reference shall be

made to IS 5.

**4 BACKGROUND COLOUR**

The background colour on the panel for depicting the mimic diagrams shall preferably be light grey or cream. If other colours are chosen, they shall be such as to render good contrast with the shades representing the voltage levels.

**5 COLOUR SCHEME**

When it is desired to indicate system voltages by colours on any layout or mimic diagram, the colouring shall be in accordance with Table 1.

**Table 1 Colour Scheme for Mimic Diagram***(Clauses 3 and 5)*

IS No.	Voltage Level	Description of Recommended Colour	Shade No. of Colour as per IS 5 : 2007
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
i)	a.c.	kV	Crimson
		HVDC	
		400	Signal red
		220	Light orange
		132 } 110 }	Lemon
		66	Golden brown
		33 } 22 }	Olive green
		11	Sea green
		6.6	Aircraft blue
		3.3	Sky blue
		415V } 240V }	Dark green
		220V } 110V }	Black
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ii)	d.c.		

**NOTES**

**1** Voltage levels indicated in brackets between themselves considered not likely to appear in the same mimic diagram and different shades are recommended to distinguish them. These voltages shall therefore be represented by the same colour.

**2** Additional voltages not covered in the table, where necessary, shall be indicated by a colour so chosen that is distinguishable from the other colours appearing in the same mimic diagram.

**3** Where considered desirable by the user, the actual voltage values may be indicated in numerals along with the colour shades, in a convenient location on the mimic diagram.

**4** International system of units (SI units).

**Base Units**

<i>Sl No.</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
i)	Length	Meters	m
ii)	Mass	Kilogram	kg
iii)	Time	Second	s
iv)	Electric current	Ampere	A
v)	Thermodynamic temperature	Kelvin	K
vi)	Luminous intensity	Candela	Cd
vii)	Amount of substance	mole	mol

**Supplementary Units**

<i>Sl No.</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
i)	Plane angle	Radian	Rad
ii)	Solid angle	Steradian	sr

**Derived Units**

<i>Sl No.</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Definition</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
i)	Force	Newton	N	$1 \text{ N} = 1 \text{ kg.m/s}^2$
ii)	Energy	Joule	J	$1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ N.m}$
iii)	Power	Watt	W	$1 \text{ W} = 1 \text{ J/s}$
iv)	Flux	Weber	Wb	$1 \text{ Wb} = 1 \text{ V} \cdot \text{s}$
v)	Flux density	Tesla	T	$1 \text{ T} = 1 \text{ Wb/m}^2$
vi)	Frequency	Hertz	Hz	$1 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ c/s (s}^{-1}\text{)}$
vii)	Electric conductance	Siemens	S	$1 \text{ S} = 1 \text{ A/V}$
viii)	Electromotive force	Volt	V	$1 \text{ V} = 1 \text{ W/A}$
ix)	Pressure, stress	Pascal	Pa	$1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ N/m}^2$

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